Rec Dec 13th
Ans same day

North Bend Ohio
Dec 11. 1877

Dr. Geo. Engelmann
St Louis Mo

my dear Sir

I hope you will pardon a stranger for thus obtruding upon you and yet we should not be strangers – To me your name is familiar as household words from seeing it so often quoted by botanists on account of yr. valuable additions to our knowledge of the flora & sylva of Missouri. To you, my humble name is probably unknown, as I am but a smatterer in botany, who has only been an

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If you can be so kind as to respond to my anxious enquiries, particularly as to your oaks - you will greatly oblige,

yours very respectfully

Jno. Edwards

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adjunct to me, to every necessary one, in medicine, in horticulture & in Forestry. There is just where I need yr. help.

I see you quoted in Iowa Hort. Trans. vol II. p. 163 as from yr. "Oaks of America" or rather "of the U. States" Is there such a work, or any pamphlet or report, and where can I find it?

2. What is the "yellow Cottonwood" of the western tree-plants yrs. and can it be distinguished in the standing tree? what species? I find confusion in P. monilifera of Aiton & Michx. and also a want of agreement as to the P. angulata.

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American Forestry Association.

J. A. WARDER, Ohio, Pres.,
H. H. McAFFE, Ill., Sec.,
J. T. ALLAN, Neb., Statician.

North Bend, Ohio
~~Omaha, Neb.,~~ Dec 16 1877

Dr Geo. Engelman

My dear Sir

I must acknowledge my indebtedness to you for sending me two Feuilletons, Extracts from the Trans. Academy of Science of St Louis.

The American Junipers, sect. Sabina has interested me much —

"The Oaks of the U.S." was what I took the liberty to write for, and it is especially welcome, as I am endeavoring to cultivate certain species, and in my limited observation have seen some singular variations — The study of these pages has given me a desire, to procure what has preceded them, if possible — but I am unwilling to trespass upon your good nature — Do you think I could obtain a copy from the Studley Co.?

With sentiments of high regard
believe me yours

Jno. A. Warder

you explain why Q. Leana has been considered a hybrid of Q. imbricaria and coccinea — For myself I have been disposed to doubt the theory of these abnormal forms being hybrids, thinking them sports rather. As for Leana, you may have seen the original tree — To my eye it is much more like a sport of tinctoria — even to the coloration of its leaves in fall — certainly in its cups & glands; Finer finer bark. Rubra, tinctoria, coccinea & alba are found near it & in all that region but I do not know an example of imbricaria within several miles. I shall hope to observe its inflorescence another season & can then write more intelligently respecting it —

yours &c.

Can you direct me to any person in your region upon whom I can rely for acorns of several species and hybrids you mention? or has any one already planted their seeds so as to furnish young plants? —

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Rec Feb 4th
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Jan 31. 1878

Dr Geo Engelman

Dear Sir

In your favor of Dec 18th you directed my attention to the original tree of Q. Leana, near Cincinnati, in order to observe its vernation, &c. which I hope to visit at the proper season, when I shall collect specimens, and will gladly send you some. Though a collector of oak leaves, and acorns, I had not had my attention directed to this point — for which I am indebted to you.

You will have discovered ere this that I am not much of a botanist, though in tender infancy it was my privilege to walk with Nuttal

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Having a small Herbarium, your very kind offer to spare me some specimens from your collections, is most gladly accepted with apprehensions, however that you may never receive any returns from me to compensate you for your trouble.

My botany has always taken a practical turn: when engaged in medecine it was especially related to pharmacy - since living on a farm it turns to weeds, grapes, and particularly to trees.

Yours very truly

Jno. A. Warder

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Nov 15 1879

Dear Dr Engelmann –

Sorry indeed am I, that we did not have the pleasure of meeting at Cambridge but we were over-worked as it was.

I intended to explain or rather to apologize for the neglect of your request – but we have all been sadly afflicted – I pray you excuse my delinquence.

I first saw the Catalpa (early blooming kind) at Dayton Ohio, in June 1853 – and learned that the trees had been grown by Dr J. Haines of that place, from seed gathered by him from two trees south of that city –

The history of these trees could never be traced – The family by whom they had been planted had moved away –

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Nov 18 1879

To avoid the urgency of my friends, to attach my own name to this ~~tree~~ plant which would have been distasteful & wholly undeserved, the tree was noticed in the Western Horticultural Review of that year, 1853, (as the Speciosa a mistake!) on account of its beautiful showy flowers, adapting it admirably for ornamental planting, for its economic value was not at that time under consideration.

I regret we shd be deprived of the honor of having you describe it but indeed, as you say, Dr. Bolle of Berlin cannot have described it from specimens & only quotes the printed documents sent from this country, which already refer its notice (under the name Speciosa, mistake) to 1853. See Barney's pamphlet—

The character of the flower, the lower lip or throat is a good one—

I trust you will proceed as though Dr Bolle had never written—

Yours very

Warder.

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Dec 5 1879

Dr Geo. Engelmann,

my dear Doctor will be so kind as to excuse or overlook my negligence: I can only say that I have been hoping to find a copy of the original notice of the tree, but having only my bound copy of the volume it was not sent to you. The reference will be seen on the accompanying page of MS.

I fear Meehan has blundered in Dec. No Gardener's Monthly, p. 356. he speaking of Catalpa's Kaempferi and Bungei he calls the former the dwarf, non-flowering kind, & the other a "large tree". This is a nurseryman's muddle — What says Thunberg, or Kaempfer himself? of these Eastern Asiatics? If you have access to them, please —

Sincerely regretting the delay, believe me your very

Warder.

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Dec 22 1879

My dear Dr. Engelmann—

You must excuse my awkwardness if I wrote in such a manner as to convey the idea that I "did not feel like corresponding" with one whom I so highly respect and honor— Oh, no, it must have been a reference to the two-fold condition of sickness & death to which we have both been subjected, that I referred apologetically for my neglect.

No, No— you are not at all "a most troublesome fellow"— but a dear good kind man to take so much trouble for my pet Catalpa & to offer to do the honors at her presentation at the court of Sylva.

When I sent you my last, on 12/5, I was well aware that the word Speciosa did not occur in the passages referred to, but they related to the tree.

Like many other ventures of the kind, my poor little W. Hort. Review, died at the close of the 3rd vol. for want or lack of support, and was ruined with the added

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title "and Botanical Magazine" with H. Derbe of Cincin. for the publisher and a Mr. Ward, as the botanical Editor.

Mr. Derbe got tired of the venture & did not complete the volume and the numbers were scattered so I cannot yet find them but am hunting them — probably the discussion of the name occurred and was settled during the year which should have given the 4th volume I hope to find this, & will forward the number at once if successful in my search —

Believe me my dear sir yours very faithful & much obliged friend

J. A. Warder

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North Bend, Ohio
Dec 26. 79

Dear Dr.

Sin myself who must cry out peccavi —

I send you today a copy of mr. Teas Trade List in which he advertises Catalpa speciosa, the same tree which in 1853-4, he wanted to have called Marderi, & for wh. designation <u>speciosa</u> was substituted by myself. I am still hunting other pamphlets & will forward as found with date & page

Yours truly obliged,

The brochure just in my last is ahead of Dr. Bolle's

Marder.

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12/27 1879

Dear Doctor

I must write Eureka!
but, alas! Having found the numbers
of the aforesaid vol. IV. and spent
the day in scanning its 500 pages
most carefully, I do not find
any reference to the Christening
of Catalpa speciosa therein.
This may spare you the trouble
of searching, ch? the volume
happen to fall in your way —
Well, you see this all comes of
my unwillingness to bring myself
before the public — You may think
me very foolish — agreed to that,
but every one at that day was
opposed to the hasty multiplication
of species (à la Rafinesque) and
every plant was considered only
a variety, & only an ornamental

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we little dreamed it would ever claim, (& deservedly), so much attention. The narrow limits of its Ohio habitat (2 trees near Dayton) where I found it, & the impossibility of tracing the history of these, led us to suppose it might be only a sport — and right here (North Bend) where Gov. Harrison had introduced it, the plant seems to have escaped the notice of all the botanists, Clark, Thos. Lee, R. Buchanan, Drs. Locke & Riddell, Dr Wm Short of Kentucky, who often visited his brother near us, who had planted many trees obtained from Gov. Harrison, and even Rafinesque himself who botanized in this region —

Then as to the name, the nurseryman who propagated and distributed it wanting a name, insisted upon its being christened for me, to which I strenuously objected & suggested while acting as God-father, to call it Spiræa

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It was so settled and the nurserymen acted accordingly - as you will have seen by Trade list of Mr. Teas, which I forwarded to you only yesterday, so soon as found.

In my last I referred to the Dungeons letter on western Catalpa, which you have - this was printed in January or February 1879 - so was Barney's pamphlet, and a communication in the same terms, printed in the Cincinnati Commercial of Feb. 13, 79. When in Philadelphia last March I presented specimens before the Academy of Nat. Sciences, with some remarks on the tree, an act of which, no doubt appeared in their proceedings. In Feb. 18, 1878, I presented it at the meeting of the Forestry Association in Washington D.C. and ~~forwarded~~ distributed numerous packages of seed to those present -

All these are ahead of Dr. Bolle.

Yrs truly
Warder.

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P. S.

I have opened correspondence with the aforesaid Nurseryman who may be able to send me older catalogues; if so you shall see them. For your sake, rather than my own am I times anxious to ferret out the matter; I send newspaper by same mail. W.

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Rec'd Jan 2d 1880

Dear Doctor Engelmann.

Here you have some more corroborative parole testimony to the assertions I have made as to the naming of this Catalpa. I regret it is not in printed form and in some public journal. nurserymen's catalogues do not rank very high as literary authority. Of this character I have sent you one however, viz. Ives' Trade List of 1866, wherein he uses the word - & doubtless in reference to our plant -

I am hoping to receive others of like nature & a letter from him about the naming - & meanwhile express to you the conviction that the Dayton stock of trees are unquestionably the same as those brought here from Vincennes, had by Gen'l. Harrison, if indeed, the two original Dayton trees were not also distributed by his own hand in 1825.

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Your kind interest in this matter puts me under a load of obligation to my good friend which can never be paid by his admiring friend, who sends the compliments of season.

Jno. A. Warder

North Bend, Ohio
12/31. 1879.

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North Bend Ohio
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Dear Dr.

many, many thanks for yr. kind expressions and my congratulations that yr. anxiety is relieved. Still the matter is not where I'd have wished it, based on the publication of some scientific body such as our Nat. Hist. Soc. or that of Philadelphia - or your own. I am expecting more data in the way of printed proof. The address sent to day was read in Nebraska City on Sept. 12. 1878 —

Yours very truly
W.

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Item — Naming the Catalpa Speciosa:

Extract from a paper presented to the Indiana Horticultural Society at Dublin meeting, Dec. 1879 — by Jno. C. Teas now of Carthage Missouri —

"The first published account of this "New Catalpa", as it was then called, appeared in Dr. Warder's Western Horticultural Review for Aug. 1853. It was afterward named "Speciosa" by Dr. Warder & myself. —

This, is the Mr. Teas who was the first to propagate and disseminate the plant outside of Dayton, Ohio. He was then doing business in Raysville, Indiana. Since 1853 & for some time previous he had been familiar with the Dayton variety produced from the two trees the origin of which is unknown.

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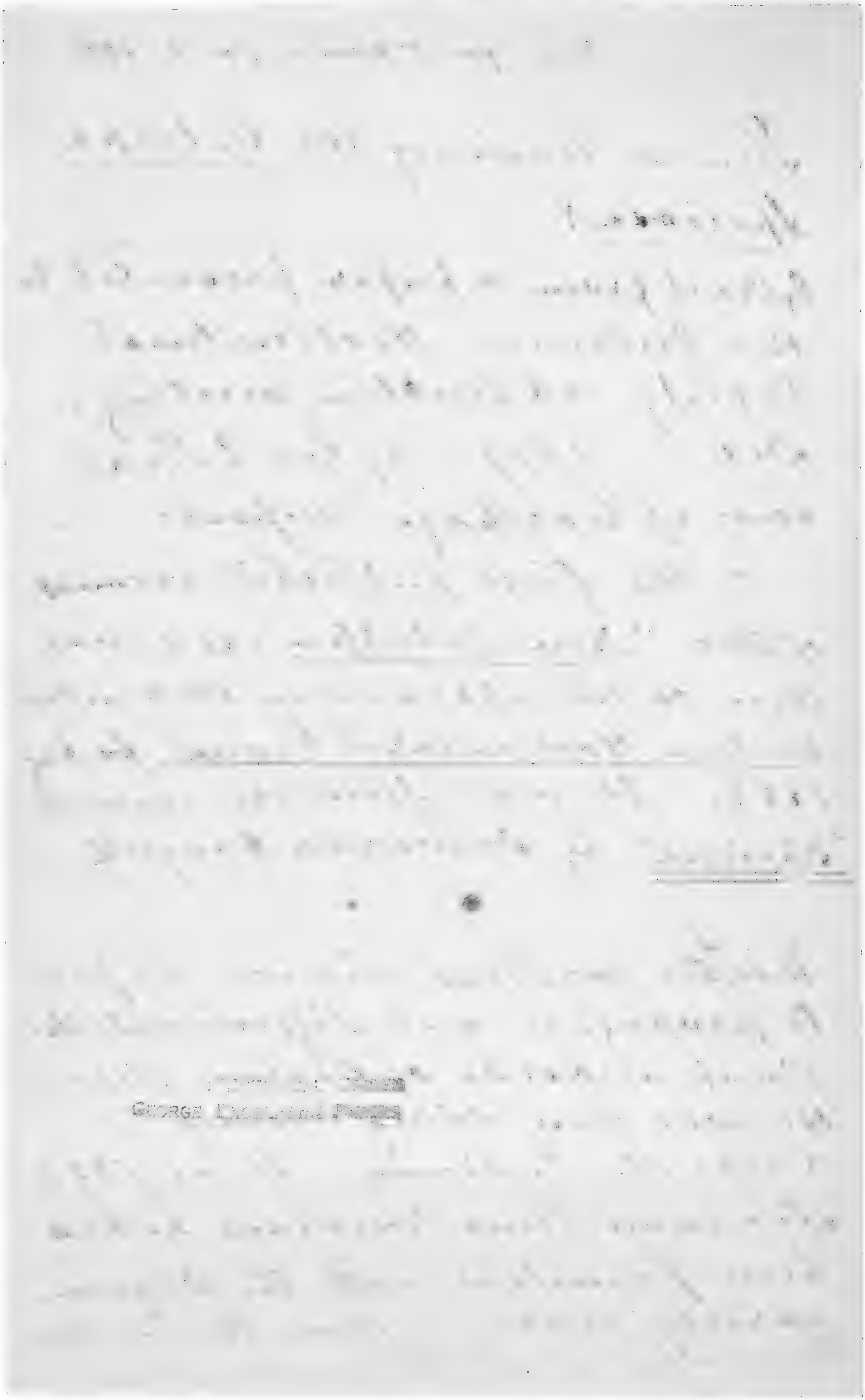

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Catalpa Speciosa.

I first saw this plant in the streets of Dayton, Ohio in June of the year 1853. It was noticed in the "Western Horticultural Review", a monthly serial I was then conducting, a few weeks later.

By request, my good friend Robt. Wistar of that city, endeavored to trace the history of the plants there cultivated by Dr. Job Haines and numerously planted in the streets. The origin of the two trees was never learned, however.

The notice, and Mr. Steele's response to my queries were published in the serial above named, in August number 1853, v. pp. 533-534, of vol. III. op. cit.

The name Speciosa was chosen on account of the more showy

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flowers, and to avoid a personality proposed by my horticultural friends, but to which I did not feel myself entitled. Moreover this name was not used as specific, but as indicating a distinct variety, as then supposed—

I presume you have all the recently published notices respecting the plant—

Yours very truly—

Jno. Ewards

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June 15 1880

Dear Dr. E.

100 Thank you sir.

I take it as your new year's gift — the date being 1/1.80 and its arrival almost on the eve of my birth-night makes it acceptable on that account — but have condescendingly does the great botanist come down! Did I tell you that Dr. Carter and dear old Leo Lesquereux, both said they had seen this tree near Cincinnati, years ago, without recognizing anything peculiar, beyond its glorious appearance? —

But I must not trespass. — Of course you will understand that reference is made to two copies of the Bot. Gazette inscribed from E. to Warder.

Again 100 thanks.

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Feb 1. 1882

Dr Geo. Engelmann

my dear Sir

we are getting up a national Forestry Convention at Cincinnati for April next — also a meeting of our Am. Forestry Asstn I want something good and therefore earnestly request a paper from you say on American Oaks, or Am Firs and hope you will oblige your admiring friend Warder.

I hope you enjoyed your trip —

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